

## **Selected Economic Indicators**

### **Analysis on Capital Market Developments**

- Tehran Stock Exchange Price Index (TEPIX) and the Over-the-Counter (OTC) general index topped 1,960,457 and 24,394 points in Esfand 1401 (March 2023), indicating increases of respectively 27.9 and 21.7 percent, compared with the month before (February 2023). The mentioned variables pointed to rises by 43.4 and 32.7 percent, respectively, compared with the period April 2021-March 2022. In fact, both indices followed significantly fluctuating trends in 1401 (2022/23); in the first half of the year (April-September 2022), both indicators experienced a downtrend, while they followed an uptrend in the second half of the year (October 2022-March 2023). The main factors behind the mentioned instability included the disputes over car supply mechanisms, the imports of used cars, food prices, inflationary conditions, nuclear negotiations, and conflicts in international relations. Moreover, the Equal Weight Index (EWI) of the TSE (Tehran Stock Exchange), assigning equal weights to all the stocks in the index, rose by 68.0 percent in March 2023 compared with the period April 2021-March 2022. Higher growth in EWI during the period April 2022-March 2023 as compared with the growth rate of the TEPIX (68 percent against 43.4 percent), is indicative of improvements in the profitability of small businesses as compared with that of large industries.
- Total market capitalization in the TSE amounted to 72,752.0 trillion rials in March 2023, indicating an increase of 33.1 percent compared with the period April 2021-March 2022. Over the same period, market value of equity in the OTC market increased by 33.4 percent to reach 18,081.1 trillion rials.
- The market value of debt of the TSE increased by 56.3 percent compared with the period April 2021-March 2022 to reach 538.3 trillion rials, and that of the OTC market rose by 16.4 percent to reach 4,399.4 trillion rials in March 2023.
- A review on the performance of debt instruments in the OTC market, as decomposed by the issuance factor, indicates that the balance of debt instruments issued by the government, municipalities, and companies experienced growth rates of 7.3, 65.3 and 152.2 percent, respectively, during April 2022-March 2023, as compared with April 2021-March 2022. Debt instruments issued by the government accounted for 70.7 percent of total, with those issued by municipalities and companies constituting shares of 2.3 and 27.0 percent, respectively. The balance of debt instruments was 6,550.2 trillion rials by March 2023.
- During the period April 2022-March 2023, the value of share trading on the TSE indicated an increase of 13.7 percent to reach 10,062.7 trillion rials. Moreover, the number of shares showed an increase of 44.2 percent, compared with April 2021-March 2022, and amounted to 2,029.6 billion.